HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3094 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 198S and state;

(a) whether the Municipal Corporation of Delhi have since comple. ted the Selection formalities of eligible candidates who were sponsored by the Employment Exchange for the posts of Assistant Engineers (Civil);

(b) whether it is a fact that according to the latest Government policy these vacancies of direct recruits should be filled up within the stipulated time; and

(c) if so, the reasons for which the MCD have been delaying the issuing of 'Offers of Appointment' to these selected candidates?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Yes, *Sir.*

(b) Government's policy is that the vacancies of direct recruits should be filled up expeditiously.

(c) Offers of appointment have already been issued.

Helicopter Service to Fire Services Personnel

♦307. SHRIGHUFRANAZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Administration had ignored the repeated pleas of the Delhi Fire Service for providing helicopter service} to evacuate the people who happen to be trapped in the multi-storeyed buildings;

(b) whether it is a fact that the naval helicopters had played a vital role in evacuating hundreds of guests and other personnel from the Oberoi Hotel in Bombay which had caught fire recently; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to provide helicopter service to Fire Services in all the cities where high-rise buildings exist; if so, the details the reof ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Three sorties were provided by naval helicopters to air drop fire brigade personnel and equipment for fighting the fire in the Oberoi hotel in Bombay. No evacuation was carried out by the naval helicop ters.

(c) Fire services are under the State Governments. It is primarily for them to take measures to improve and modernise the fire services.

In regard to Delhi, no such proposal is under consideration with the Government of India.

बिलासपुर-रांची रोड बरास्ता रायगढ़-जशपुर

*308. श्री लक्खीराम अग्रवाल : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिलासपुर-रांची रोड, बरास्ता रायगढ़–जशपुर को, जो इस समय राज्य सरकार के नियन्त्रणाधीन है, राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग घोषित किए जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि यह सड़क अधिकांश लम्बाई तक आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में से गुजरती है; और

(ग) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने हाल में इस सड़क को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग घोषित करने के लिए सिफारिश की है ?